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Medicine Bow National Forest motor vehicle maps available

(Saratoga, Wyo. Jan. 23, 2009) – New maps showing motorized routes on the Medicine Bow National Forest and the Laramie Peak Unit are now available at

www.fs.fed.us/r2/mbr/recreation/travel_management/mvumindex

“The maps, along with signs on the ground, will help motorized users know where and when they are allowed to travel and with what types of vehicles,” said Forest Supervisor Mary Peterson. “It is the responsibility of motorized travelers to be aware of the legal designated routes and stay on them to ensure responsible use and enjoyment of the national forest.”

The maps reflect travel management decisions made since 2000 on the Medicine Bow National Forest and the Laramie Peak Unit. In some areas and along some routes, motorized use will be allowed off of designated routes for dispersed camping and/or game retrieval. Please check the maps for specific designations. Free hard copy maps will be available at Forest Service offices in Saratoga, Laramie and Douglas in January 2009.

The new motor vehicle use maps are a result of the 2005 Travel Management Rule that requires all national forests and grasslands to produce the maps and make them available to the public free of charge. No new travel management decisions were made with the new maps.

The motorized use maps will be re-issued yearly to include updates and reflect new travel management decisions, and will be used to enforce travel rules on national forest system lands.

The maps show only the existing designated routes. When used along with the forest’s general visitor map, they provide the information necessary for motorized users to know which routes are designated for motorized travel.

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